

October 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held October 12, 2021. Chairman Katielynn Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the October 12, 2021 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Mr. Jamie Kuehn, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans and Police Chief Combs.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn, to approve the minutes from September 2021. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Wormer of Dustin's Adventure land presented a plan to use part of the flat grass area at the Lions Pavilion area for parking for Dustin's. Council informed him they are not behind that idea and to rethink using the overflow parking.

Mayor Palmer reported the recent off road day realized \$10,295 in donations to revitalization projects in the Borough. A check from Reading Anthracite will be presented on Monday at 5pm at Veteran's Park. Police Chief Combs reported there were no incidents associated with the event. Mr. Firestine suggested including the Fire Companies if another event is scheduled. The Mayor stated he would like to see an event with a Christmas Toy Drive. Mayor Palmer informed the Council that Myrtle Mae's Restaurant as well as the North Delaware Avenue townhouses has been sold.

Communications:

There were no communications to discuss.

Old Business:

The CBDG survey of North Fifth Street was completed and it will not qualify as low income.

The wood from the trees at the Second Street playground is not good for burning indoors. Mr. Kuehn suggested bundling it and selling for outdoor use. Mr. Firestine will ask the Historical Society if they are interested in some of the wood.

New Business:

Solicitor Evens stated it is in the borough's best interest to allow the school district to proceed with the tax assessment of the Miners Lofts. He will work with Mr. Mahalchick to support the district and report next month on their appraisal. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the insurance renewal with Seltzer Group in the amount of \$51,828 effective October 1, 2021. The motion passed as presented.

The Council received the by-laws for the Miners Skate Park. Representatives of Council will meet with the officers of the park to review the by-laws before their lease will be renewed.

The possibility of hiring a consultant for use of the ARP funding was tabled. Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to accept the sole quote for heating oil. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to award the bid for heating oil to Reedy & Sons, Inc. at a price cap of \$3.49 per gallon. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve Application #1 in the amount of \$116,917.68 for the Sunbury Street Project. The motion passed as presented.

Council Reports

Law and Order-Police chief Combs reported at stop sign at Spring and Pottsville Streets is needed. Mr. Kuehn suggested painting curbing yellow at the intersections might be a better solution.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The Haunted House will not be held this year due to COVID concerns. The Halloween Parade will be held October 24 with formation at 6pm and beginning at 6:30pm. Trick or treat will be October 31 from 6pm to 8pm. The rain date is November 1.

Ms. Milbrandt reminded Council that the November Work Session would be held on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd due to Election Day.

Mr. Firestine made motion, second by Mr. Kuehn to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary